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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed August 22, 2001. A Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by each of the three inventors accompanies this Response.

If any fees are required by this submission, Applicant gives authorization from their Deposit Account No. 05-0889.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact desirable in disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (508) 435-1000 Ext. 77256.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated:

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LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Sir:

Subject to the approval of the Primary Examiner in this case, enclosed for filing are seven (7) sheets of Formal Drawings, Figures 1-7, labeled, for the above-referenced patent application.

Please charge any fees occasioned by this submission to Deposit Account 05-0889.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
 - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

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